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INVESTIGATOR HIRED TO HELP FIGHT CYBERCRIMES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Mark E. Johnson has joined the Office of the United States Attorney. Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that Johnson will be working as an investigator in the Kansas City office.

Johnson was hired to perform computer forensic investigations and will address ways the office can investigate and handle cybercrimes.

He previously worked as a senior trainer for Guidance Software, Inc., in Virginia. There he trained federal, state and local government employees and corporate information technology professionals to use an investigative computer software program called EnCase forensic software.

Johnson moved into a job with Guidance Software after working several years in law enforcement. He previously was a Sergeant for the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, working various assignments. Some of these included work with the Street Narcotics Unit, Crime Scene Investigations and Computer Crimes Unit.

Prior to his work as a Sergeant, Johnson worked as an officer in the Central Patrol Division on Tactical Response Team I and Central Patrol Division Watch III.

Johnson also is a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner, EnCase Certified Examiner, National Instructor for Computer Investigators, Certified Electronic Evidence Collection Specialist and a National Instructor for Prosecuting Attorneys.

Johnson received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Central Missouri State University in 1983. He also has acquired specialized training in several areas. Some of these include Internet investigations training and Criminal Investigations in an

Automated Environment training. Johnson is currently a member of the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists and the High Tech Crime Investigators Association.

Previously a resident of Leesburg, VA, Johnson now resides in Kansas City with his wife and two children.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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